

## Technical glitch delays metro rail services by 40 mins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Metro rail services started 40 minutes late yesterday morning due to a technical problem on the tracks.

Ifikhar Hossain, general manager (operations) of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited, said metro rail yesterday started operation from 8:40am instead of the scheduled 8:00am.

City dwellers who use metro rail to go to offices, schools, and other places faced inconvenience due to the unexpected delay.

Mohammad Mahmud in a post on Traffic Alert wrote: "From last 40 minutes waiting for the train towards Uttara."

## People of 5 more upazilas to get new homes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the houses constructed for homeless people in five more upazilas of Tangail under the Ashrayan Project-2 tomorrow.

The premier will join the event through a video conference from Gono Bhaban, said Tangail Deputy Commissioner Md Kaisarul Islam during a press briefing at his conference room yesterday.

Through this move the PM will declare Kalihati, Mirzapur, Ghatail, Nagarpur and Basail upazilas in the district free from landless as well as homeless people.

According to the district administration, a total of 3,514 homeless families/people were listed in 12 upazilas of Tangail.

## AL, BJP to work

FROM PAGE 3 states were solved due to the pro-active initiative of the AL government.

Besides, another meeting was held between the two parties at the BJP headquarters, where issues related to the betterment of both the parties and countries were discussed.

Later, the AL delegation held a meeting with Indian External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and discussed various issues at the Parliament House.

## 7 days, over 17,000

FROM PAGE 3 ever it finds accumulated rainwater. Eventually, these spots will transform into breeding grounds. During field visits, I found a neglectful attitude when it comes to identifying and destroying the sources."

Bashar urged for a collaborative effort by locals, organisations, and government bodies to destroy such sources. He said not all offices and institutions are taking proper measures to reduce mosquito breeding sources.

"Aedes mosquitoes have already laid huge number of eggs in different containers, those will hatch now, thanks to the rain. This will worsen

## Students hold demo

FROM PAGE 3 mark instead of 100 or postponing it for two months; rescheduling the exam due to the dengue situation, and excluding the Information and Communication Technology subject from the exam.

Meanwhile, the students alleged that they were attacked by police personnel while holding the demonstration. Some eight to nine protesters were even picked up by police, they claimed.

Talking to The Daily

## Inclement weather

FROM PAGE 5 "Before the start of the 65-day fishing ban, we could not go to the sea as cyclone Mocha hit the coastal area on May 14. Now the inclement weather keeps us away from going far in the Bay."

"For around three months, we could not go to the sea for fishing. If the weather continues like this, how can we survive?" Nurul added.

Delwar Hossain, secretary of Cox's Bazar District Fishing Trawler Owners' Association, said "At least 50 of the trawlers went to the sea and met accidents due to the rough weather."

He, however, termed the period of fishing ban "impractical and untimely". "The authority should impose the ban on fishing based on ground realities. The ban came a month earlier than required. Around 75,000 fishermen in the district are facing hardships as they have been unemployed for around 90 days," he added.

At present, a moderate

the situation," said GM Saifur Rahman, assistant professor of medical and applied entomology at National University.

Meanwhile, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Jahangirnagar University and DNCC to enhance research and chalk out ways to eliminate Aedes mosquitoes.

"Based on the agreement, we will identify mosquito varieties to help the authorities know about the type of mosquitoes present in different areas," said Prof Bashar.

The research team will also investigate the density of those mosquitoes creating 10 sentinel sites in 10 DNCC zones.

Star, Officer-in-Charge of Shahbagh Police Station Moudut Hawlader denied any such attack.

"We picked up a few of them. Further steps will be taken after speaking to their respective college authorities," he added.

According to Dhaka Education Board sources, this year's HSC and equivalent examinations are set to begin on August 17 and continue until September 25. The exams will be held on all subjects, with a full marking system, in a reduced syllabus.

## Three held

FROM PAGE 5 supplies drug consignments to different parts of the country -- including Natore, Ishwardi, and Pabna.

The three were carrying narcotics in an SUV and a microbus.

Acting on a tip-off, a DNC team challenged them at Lalor Bazar around 6:00am, said the official. The drug peddlers tried to speed away, but the team intercepted them.

Zillur Rahman, a deputy director of the department's Rajshahi office, filed a case against the three with Shingra Police Station.

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## Unfolding the mysteries

FROM PAGE 3 Planned originally for locals, especially youths, the initiative will also enable foreign tourists learn a lot about this world heritage site, mentioned the WildTeam founder.

He said the centre will be set up on 60 decimals of land. It will be inaugurated at the beginning of next year.

It can also benefit local authorities by giving them access to information and insights about the forest's wildlife, he added.

EXHIBITS TO BE ON DISPLAY The centre will also showcase a wide array of display exhibits.

While dedicated segments will focus on narrating the forest's history and heritage, a part of the centre will be allotted to celebrating the lifestyle of its people and how they co-exist with nature.

The exhibits will also look to highlight the threats the world's mangrove forest is facing, while informing visitors of the wildlife act and policies and wildlife survey techniques.

Special emphasis will be given to eradicating poaching, human-wildlife conflict, unsustainable resource collection, poison fishing, venison consumption, illegal logging, plastic pollution, unplanned industrialisation, and uncontrolled tourism.

Visitors will also be able to explore the livelihood practices, local arts and traditions, and myths and beliefs in the region at the centre, said Enayetullah Khan.

Information outlets for occupations related to the Sundarbans, such as fishing, honey collection, mangrove palm (nypa fruticans) harvest, crab collection, and wood logging, will also be set up at the centre.

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## Won't let BNP

FROM PAGE 3 AL Presidium Member Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said, "The dreams of those who are conspiring to foil the election will never come true. The election will be held under the Sheikh Hasina government and in a fair manner."

"If Sheikh Hasina is not re-elected as prime minister, it will not be possible to implement the Ganga Water-sharing Treaty. Foreign pressure and conspiracies cannot weaken the premier," said Dilip Barua, general secretary of Bangladesher Samyabadi Dal.

The leaders at the rally reiterated that the alliance will be on the streets with continuous programmes to prevent any conspiracy of the BNP-Jamaat.

Work for new

FROM PAGE 5 The building will have seven staircases, four fire exits, and eight lifts (four general and four cargo).

Jahirul Islam, acting general secretary of shop owners' association, expressed contentment regarding the progress.

"Eight floors will be constructed initially on 10-storey foundation. Only the owners of the 2,961 shops of the affected four markets will get shops at this complex," he said.

On April 4, a massive fire at Bangabazar Shopping Complex resulted in the destruction of around 3,000 shops, primarily filled with clothing items, causing significant economic losses to several thousand traders.

The adjacent Anexco Tower, Banga Islamia Market, and Banga Homeo Market were also affected, while a police barrack near the Police Headquarters was partially destroyed.

visuals as necessary. Interactive design will be used as much as possible to intrigue the visitors and aid retention of key pieces of information," he mentioned.

The mode of language for the displays will be Bangla and local names and terms will be used in the descriptions. Key information on each display will also be given in English for the international audiences, Enayetullah said.

Facilities like interactive eco-games, audio-visuals, and other educational materials for children to enhance their knowledge and interests in the Sundarbans will be also available at the centre.

"One of the objectives of this centre is to provide a space for visitors to exchange views, share knowledge, and develop ideas to conserve nature. There will be a number of different spaces that will encourage visitors to gather within the building and on its grounds for discussions," he said.

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## Bangamata's 93rd birth anniversary

FROM PAGE 3 against proposed inclusion of two more points to the Six-Point Demand while Bangabandhu was in Pakistani military captivity during the Agartala conspiracy case.

The premier said several AL leaders were willing to accept Bangabandhu's release on parole while the trial of the case was underway, an idea that was strongly opposed by Bangamata who wanted his unconditional release.

Hasina said if Bangabandhu would have come out accepting parole conditions, no fierce mass movement would have sparked forcing the then Pakistani junta to abandon the case, freeing the accused.

Bangamata feared in that situation all the accused would have been hanged on high treason charges, if not killed in captivity like their co-accused Sergeant Zahurul Haque during the trial.

If Bangabandhu got released on parole, Bangladesh would have never witnessed its

independence, Hasina said. While talking to BSS earlier, academician and former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique said Bangamata had played a very crucial role in heartening Bangabandhu to pen the drafts of three invaluable autobiographical books which would always remain as precious asset in the history of Bangladesh.

"We talked about Bangabandhu at different times. His speeches and statements have been preserved in different ways. But expressing his own memories in his own words is a rare one and it has been possible because of Bangamata," he said.

Prof Arefin said Bangabandhu in his own reminiscence in the "Unfinished Memoirs" also mentioned how Bangamata inspired him to write the books. He said after the independence, Bangamata had taken the initiative for the first time to

rehabilitate the Biranganas (war heroines), the women who were brutally tortured and repressed by Pakistani occupational forces and their local collaborators during the Liberation War.

Under the leadership of Begum Mujib, the works of rehabilitating the repressed women began at Bangabandhu's Dhanmondi-32 residence for the first time, he mentioned.

She gathered some distinguished women of society and held meetings at Dhanmondi-32 residence to decide how to cooperate with the government and extend support to Bangabandhu in rehabilitating the group of women, he said.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
AUGUST 8

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:20	12:45	5:00	6:47	8:15
JAMAAT 4:55	1:15	5:15	5:50	8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

International Labour Organization (ILO) invites proposal from interested individuals for below consultancy services:

- 1) National consultant to support project's partner organizations in implementation of Competency Based Training and Assessment (CBT&A) under NTVQF
- 2) National consultant (lead consultant) to facilitate training for managers/facilitators on the methodology of Community Based Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (CB-TrEE).
- 3) National consultant to support lead consultant to facilitate training for managers/facilitators on the methodology of Community Based Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (CB-TrEE).

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for above services can be downloaded from the ILO website at: [https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS\\_533581/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS_533581/lang-en/index.htm)  
The deadline for submission of proposal is Sunday, September 03, 2023, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

**World Health Organization Bangladesh**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

1. RFP/BAN/2023/022: Revised (complete) RFP documents for Provisions of conducting Training of Trainers and Supervisors (ToTS) on mhGAP and the Training on mhGAP Intervention in Bangladesh in 2 Lots available in WHO Bangladesh Tender portal.

Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 14 August 2023 (Dhaka time).

2. RFP/BAN/2023/023: Establishment of Tele Mental Health Services in Bangladesh.

Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 21 August 2023 (Dhaka time).

3. RFP/BAN/2023/024: Baseline Assessment of Mental Health Services and Inception Meetings in Six Districts of Bangladesh.

Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 21 August 2023 (Dhaka time).

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Bangladesh, House-SW(1)/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

**KOICA**  
Korea International Cooperation Agency

**Bid Notice**

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Construction Works**

Date: August 08, 2023

1. The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)  
Bangladesh Office invites eligible Bidders to participate in bidding for the project mentioned below. The Project is to be constructed with the grant aid of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

**Description of Project**

- Bid Title: Building Renovation Works for "Strengthening sustainability and stability of Bangladesh Korea Friendship Hospital and Eye care Center"
- Bidding No.: KOICA Bangladesh 2023-1
- Duration: 3Months from the effective date
- Approx. Budget: USD 341,250 (VAT included)

- ① Employer: Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Bangladesh Office
- ② Bid Type: Open Competitive Bidding with Post-Qualification Examination
- ③ Selection of the Successful Bidder:  
- The bidder who proposes lowest price and gets 95 points or more from the Post-Qualification Examination will be selected as a successful bidder.
- ④ Applicants are required to send a EOI (Expression of Interest) to the KOICA Bangladesh Office by August 13, 2023, 17:00
- ⑤ Bid Conference: August 14, 2023, 10:00 at KOICA Bangladesh Office.
- ⑥ Submission of Bid proposal: by August 21, 2023, 14:00 KOICA Bangladesh Office  
\* Joint venture is not allowed.
- ⑦ Opening of Bid: August 21, 2023, 14:30 at KOICA Office
- ⑧ Post-Qualification Examination: August 22, 2023
- ⑨ Language of Bid: English
- ⑩ Name of Currency: USD

2. Eligible Bidders.
  - ① Legal Requirement  
- Business License and General Contractor in accordance with laws applicable in construction industry in Bangladesh.  
- ABC Electrical and Supervisory License.  
- List of technical manpower
  - ② Capability of Contract Fulfillment  
- No history of contract nonfulfillment (last 3 years).  
- No pending litigation (last 3 years)
  - ③ Financial Status  
- Company's Audited Financial Statements over the last three (3) fiscal years
  - ④ Experience Requirement  
- Building Construction Project completed within last three (3) years
  - ⑤ Tax  
- The company has paid all taxes in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of Bangladesh.
  - ⑥ The bidders who have submitted an EOI in a timely manner
  - ⑦ Bid Bond: 3% or more of the total bid price
3. KOICA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
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